



ECCC Presented \$2.68 Million for Scholarships!

East Central Community College officials announced receiving a record \$2.68 million gift designated for student scholarships during a mid-afternoon press conference held Oct. 9, 2012 in Thrash Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Scholarships will be available for qualified high school graduates who reside in the College's five-county district in 2014-15, thanks to the generous donation from Frances Gaines Blum Slagle, a 1940 ECCC graduate and former Decatur resident, who included EC in her estate planning. Shown displaying a replica of the historic contribution are (from left) Slagle family representatives Mary Jo Smith-Taylor (niece) of Jackson, Deborah Blum Stamper (daughter) of Marietta, Ga.; and Carole Pace Henry (niece) of Madison; ECCC President Dr. Billy W. Stewart; ECCC Board of Trustees Chairman Dr. Jimmy Hollingsworth of Lake; Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, ECCC Executive Director for Foundation and Alumni Relations; and George Taylor of Forest, ECCC Foundation Chairperson.

Students, Public Can Soon 'Google' to Locate Campus Facilities

Students who need to know the exact location of a campus facility or classroom at East Central Community College in Decatur will soon be able to access the information with the use of Google, which recently released an "indoor navigation tool" as part of its Google Mobile Maps.

Specifically designed for Android smartphone and tablet users, the new technology allows users "to quickly and efficiently navigate through indoor spaces, picking up where GPS leaves off," according to information provided on Google's Web site. There is no charge for the service.

ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart said ECCC is pleased to serve as an educational partner with Google in providing the service not only to students but for the public as well.

"The Google Indoor Mapping service is a great tool for new and prospective students and guests of the College who may not know

where a room or an office is located in a particular building," said Dr. Stewart. "This information will also be useful to law enforcement in the event of a campus emergency."

Instructor Chris Ryals and his drafting and design technology students are in the process of uploading drawings for each building to be included in the Google search.

"Our students are very excited about the opportunity to partner with Google in this project," Ryals said. "We are also excited that East Central Community College is the first Mississippi community college to announce a partnership with Google Indoor Maps."

Google indoor mapping is a relatively new initiative from Google started in 2011.

Dr. Stewart said ECCC plans to have Google Indoor Maps ready for implementation by the fall 2013 semester.



2012 Homecoming Court

Members of the 2012 Homecoming Court at East Central Community College in Decatur include (front row, from left) freshman maids Taylor Gressett of Chunky and Jayohnnie Slaughter of Union; sophomore maids Jordan Clearman of Philadelphia and Hanna Farmer of Decatur; queen Erin Thornton of Madden; maid of honor LaJoya Griffin of Philadelphia; sophomore maid Lauren Daniels of Philadelphia; and freshman maids Payton Smith of Forest and Brooke Massey of Noxapater; and (back row, from left) escorts Kyle Henson of Starkville, Michael McCullum of Bay Springs, Lucas Calvert of Louisville, Jordan Walker and Jeremy Carson, both of Decatur; Terrance Steele and Caleb Tingle, both of Philadelphia; Clayton Williamson of Forest and Andrew Hanna of Union. The queen and her court were presented Saturday, September 29, during halftime of the ECCC vs. Hinds Community College football game.

District Choir Festival

The East Central Community College choral music department hosted its annual District High School Choir Festival October 18 on the Decatur campus. Vicki Blaylock (right), ECCC choral/vocal music director, served as clinician for the nearly 300 students from Winston Academy, Nanih Waiya, Noxapater, Scott Central, Neshoba Central and Newton County high schools who attended. Special exhibition performances were presented by the ECCC Concert Choir and the Ac'cents show choir. The day concluded with a mass choir performance by all festival participants. Selections included Christmas music titled "Carol of the Star," "Fum, Fum, Fum" and "Jesus, What a Wonderful Child." For more information contact Blaylock at 601-635-6225. The e-mail address is vblaylock@eccc.edu.



Accreditation

East Central Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the Associate Degree. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia, 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of East Central Community College.

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The EC Express, a publication for high school juniors and seniors in ECCC's five-county district (Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties), is published three times a year (December, February and May) by the Office of Public Information with assistance provided by the Office of the Vice President for Student Services.



ECCC Presidents' Council

These students currently serve as members of the Presidents' Council at East Central Community College in Decatur. The Presidents' Council is made up of leaders of all campus clubs and organizations and was established to provide better communications between the student groups and the President's office. Members and their respective organizations include (front row, from left) Shelby Parkman of Raleigh, ECCC Players; Holli Nutt of Morton, Astronomy Club; Andrew Hanna (council secretary) of Union, Baptist Student Union and Warrior Corps; Dr. Randall Lee, Vice President for Student Services; Dr. Billy Stewart, President; Kelsey Bounds (council president) of Newton, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau; Zachary Killion (council vice president) of Crestwood, KY, Alpha Alpha Epsilon; and Adrienne Edwards of Philadelphia, EC Surgical Technology Student Association; (second row, from left) Chanss Thaggard of Madden, SkillsUSA; Kendall Taylor of Macon, Centralettes; Haleigh Graham of Sebastopol, EC Business Club; Jon' Marie Baucum of Decatur, Diamond Darlings; Sam Irby of Morton, Newman Club; Dakota Morris of Edinburg, EC Environmental Club; Claire Griffin of Decatur, Warrior Corps and Sophomore Class; Robin Coker of Newton, Concert Choir; Andrea McSwain of Decatur, Gospel Choir; Erin Wooten of Carthage, Wo-He-Lo; Norma-Chae' Denson of Philadelphia, Student Education Association; Axie Jones of Decatur, Association of Student Nurses at EC; and Magen Pierce of Newton, Art Club; and (third row, from left) Darin Hillman, Cheerleaders, and Jacob King, Wall O' Sound Band, both of Sebastopol; Summer Fortenberry of Philadelphia, Practical Nursing Organization; Tanner Fortenberry of Union, Phi Beta Lambda; Lucas Calvert of Louisville, Residence Hall Council; Zak Thrasher of Columbus, Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Cole Ballard of Decatur, Freshman Class; Adreonna Seger of Newton, *The Tom-Tom*; Jessica Barnett, *Wo-He-Lo*, and Payton Smith, Cheerleaders, both of Forest; Christon Flores, Native American Association, and Alex Weir, Ac'cents, both of Philadelphia; and Jeremy Carson of Decatur, Student Body Association.

East Central Selected Military Friendly School

In recognition of East Central Community College's success in recruiting, retaining and providing services to military students, the two-year college in Decatur is designated as a Military Friendly School, according to G.I. Jobs magazine. The publication included ECCC in the top 15 percent of all colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide in providing educational services to military students following a survey of more than 12,000 schools. Shown displaying a plaque signifying the honor are (front, from left) David Case, Dean of Admissions, Records and Research, and Jessica Gibson, Coordinator of Veteran's Affairs and Enrollment Services; and (back row, from left), Mickey Vance, Vice President for Business Operations; ECCC President Dr. Billy W. Stewart; Dr. Randall E. Lee, Vice President for Student Services; and Dr. Teresa Houston, Vice President for Instruction. Dr. Stewart said ECCC "is extremely proud to be included on the list of 2013 Military Friendly Colleges. Our College has a strong commitment to our country's men and women in the military and will continue to provide high-quality programs and services to assist them in meeting their educational goals."





ECCC Concert Choir

The East Central Community College choral music department boasts one of the largest choirs in history with nearly 70 members. The Concert Choir recently performed its annual fall concert to a packed house at Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur. The spring concert is scheduled for 7 p.m. April 23 in Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium. For more information contact director Vicki Blaylock at 601-635-6225. The e-mail address is vblaylock@eccc.edu.

CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR 2013

January 14 - The Collegians Campus Concert
 January 25-26 - ECCC Band Clinic
 February 1 - SkillsUSA District Competition
 February 14 - FBLA Central District Conference
 February 19 - ECCC Beauty Pageant
 February 21 - Nontraditional Gender Conference
 for Male Students
 March 7 - Business, Education and Healthcare Expo
 March 7 - Concert Band Campus Performance
 March 26 - Jazz Band Concert
 March 27-28 - Senior Days
 April 4 - Centralettes Workshop
 April 15-26 - Spring Student Art Exhibition

April 16 - Drum Major Tryouts
 April 18 - ECCC Night O' Percussion
 April 25 - Centralette Tryouts
 April 26 - Auditions for Concert Choir and Ac'cents
 April 29 - Concert Band Outdoor Performance
 April 29 - Collegians Spring Campus Concert
 April 30 - Color Guard Tryouts
 June 1 - Deadline to Apply for Spring 2014 Surgical
 Technology Program
 June 14 - ECCC Scholarship Luncheon
 July 2 - Deadline to Apply for August
 Cosmetology Class

*Dates are subject to change without notice.

2012-13 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

November

1	Coahoma	Away	6 & 8 p.m.
3	Holmes	Away	1 & 3 p.m.
5	Northeast	Away	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
8	Itawamba	Away	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
10	MS Delta	Away	2 & 4 p.m.
12	Holmes	Home	6 & 8 p.m.
15	Northeast	Home	6 & 8 p.m.
17	Itawamba	Home	1 & 3 p.m.

December

3	Pearl River	Home	6 & 8 p.m.
6	East MS	Home	6 & 8 p.m.
8	Northwest	Away	1 & 3 p.m.

January

8	East MS	Away	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
14	Hinds	Away	6 & 8 p.m.

17	Gulf Coast	Home	6 & 8 p.m.
22	Co-Lin	Away	6 & 8 p.m.
24	Southwest	Away	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
28	Jones	Home	6 & 8 p.m.

February

4	Pearl River	Away	5 & 7 p.m.
7	Hinds	Home	6 & 8 p.m.
11	Gulf Coast	Away	6 & 8 p.m.
14	Co-Lin	Home	6 & 8 p.m.
18	Southwest	Home	6 & 8 p.m.
21	Jones	Away	6 & 8 p.m.

25-28 State Tourney South Men Host

March

6-9	Region 23	Clinton (Mississippi College)
19-22	NJCAA Tourney	Salina, KS Women
		Hutchinson, KS Men



2013 SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

February

5	Baton Rouge	Decatur	3 & 5 p.m.
8-9	LB Wallace Tourney	TBA	TBA
14	Meridian	Meridian	1 & 3 p.m.
19	Marion Military	Marion, AL	1 & 3 p.m.
22-23	Northeast Tourney	TBA	TBA
26	Marion Military	Decatur	1 & 3 p.m.
28	Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge, LA	3 & 5 p.m.

March

4	Holmes	Decatur	3 & 5 p.m.
9	Co-Lin	Wesson	1 & 3 p.m.
13	Hinds	Decatur	3 & 5 p.m.
16	MS Gulf Coast	Perkinston	Noon & 2 p.m.
23	Southwest	Decatur	1 & 3 p.m.
26	Jones	Ellisville	4 & 6 p.m.
29	East MS	Decatur	3 & 5 p.m.

April

3	Pearl River	Decatur	3 & 5 p.m.
6	Co-Lin	Decatur	3 & 5 p.m.
9	Hinds	Raymond	2 & 4 p.m.
13	MS Gulf Coast	Decatur	1 & 3 p.m.
20	Southwest	Summit	1 & 3 p.m.
23	Jones	Decatur	3 & 5 p.m.
27	Pearl River	Poplarville	Noon & 2 p.m.

May

2-4	MACJC State Tourney	TBA	
9-11	Region 23 Tourney	TBA	
15-18	National Tourney	TBA	

2013 TENNIS SCHEDULE

February

5	MS Gulf Coast	Away	Noon
7	Meridian	Home	Noon
14	Holmes	Home	2 p.m.
19	Hinds	Away	2 p.m.
20	Jones	Away	2 p.m.
28	Co-Lin	Home	2 p.m.

March

1	Northeast	Home	2 p.m.
5	MS Gulf Coast	Home	1 p.m.
7	Holmes	Away	2 p.m.
19	Itawamba	Forest	1 p.m.
21	Hinds	Home	2 p.m.
22	Jacksonville	Raymond	2 p.m.

April

1	Northeast	Away	2 p.m.
2	Itawamba	Away	2 p.m.
4	Co-Lin	Away	2 p.m.
9	Jones	Home	2 p.m.
11-14	Meridian Spring Mixer	Away	TBA
15	Northwest	Home	TBA
17-20	State Tournament	Itawamba	TBA
24-26	Region Tournament	Meridian	TBA

May

4-9	Women's Nationals	Tuscan	
12-17	Men's Nationals	Plano	

2013 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

February

9	Southwest Tennessee	Decatur	2 p.m.
12	Alabama Southern	Decatur	Noon
12	Northwest	Decatur	6 p.m.
15-17	Rush Invitational	Decatur	TBA
20	Shelton State	Decatur	3 p.m.
23	Lawson State	Decatur	Noon
23	Kaskaskia	Decatur	6 p.m.
26	Pensacola	Pensacola	2 p.m.

March

2	East MS	Scooba	1 p.m.
6	Meridian	Decatur	4 p.m.
9	Ellsworth	Booneville	1 p.m.
9	Northeast	Booneville	4 p.m.
12	Pearl River	Decatur	3 p.m.
16	Jones	Ellisville	3 p.m.
20	Southwest	Decatur	3 p.m.
23	Itawamba	Fulton	2 p.m.
26	Co-Lin	Wesson	3 p.m.
29	MS Gulf Coast	Decatur	3 p.m.

April

3	Hinds	Raymond	3 p.m.
6	Pearl River	Poplarville	1 p.m.
9	Jones	Decatur	3 p.m.
13	Southwest	Summit	2 p.m.
17	Itawamba	Decatur	3 p.m.
20	Co-Lin	Decatur	2 p.m.
23	MS Gulf Coast	Perkinston	3 p.m.
27	Hinds	Decatur	2 p.m.

May

3-4	First Round Playoffs	TBA	TBA
9-11	MACJC Tourney	TBA	TBA
16-19	Region 23 Tourney	TBA	TBA
25-June 1	NJCAA World Series	Enid, OK	

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ECCC Inducts Phi Theta Kappa Members

Approximately 50 East Central Community College students were inducted into Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at the fall induction ceremony held Oct. 9 at the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart served as guest speaker. Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for two-year colleges. Workforce Education counselor Amanda Walton and biology instructor Curt Skipper serve as Theta Xi advisers.

Approximately 50 students were welcomed as new members of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, during the annual fall induction ceremony held Tuesday, Oct. 9 in the Vickers Fine Arts Center.

Amanda Walton, who serves as Theta Xi co-adviser with biology instructor Curt Skipper, said the 51 inductees "represent one of largest groups honored for a fall induction ceremony."

"We inducted 51 students from the 91 students invited to participate," said Walton, who serves as Workforce Education counselor. "So we were pleased to have over a 50 percent join rate."

Skipper said the fall 2012 inducted class is the largest group to join the prestigious honor society during the five years he has served as an adviser.

ECCC President Dr. Billy Stewart served as guest speaker. During his remarks, Dr. Stewart referred to inductees as "the cream of the crop" at EC and offered congratulations on their accomplishment. He also reminded students to always make time for "faith, family and friends" and provided an illustration to stress his point. In addition to Walton and Skipper, other staff participants included Dr. Randall E. Lee, Vice President for Student Services, welcome and opening remarks; and Dr. Teresa Houston, Vice President for Instruction, closing remarks.

The induction ceremony was conducted by Theta Xi Chapter officers, who include Claire Griffin of Decatur, president; Andrew Hanna of Union, vice president of leadership; Sandy Alexander of Little Rock, vice president for scholarship; Cain Prestage of Carthage, vice president of service; William Meruvia of Philadelphia, vice president of fellowship; Axie Jones of Little Rock, fundraising chair; Holli Nutt of Morton, public relations chair; and Emily Marler of Morton, Leighanne Wright of Decatur and Alex Weir of Philadelphia, all Executive Board members. Hanna also gave the invocation.

Inductees include Mary Bailey, Michael Clark, Dylan Peden, Hailey Smith, Savannah Stuart-Dahl and Elauren Vowell, all of Philadelphia; Clinton Baker, Pelahatchie; Johnny Beamon and

Zachary Thrasher, both of Columbus; Judson Bounds, Kelsey Bounds, Michael Buntyn, Jennifer Collins, Sonya McKee, Julie Myers, Magen Pierce and Wesley Robinson, all of Newton; Paula Bounds, Rose Hill; Alicia Boykin, Justin Nutt and Meghan Schmidt, all of Morton; Casey Bryant, Lake; Cashmere Dawson, Barbara Hodges, Kimberly Leflore, Crystal Roland and Brandon Sellers, all of Carthage; Caitlan Dearman, Wanda Harrison and William Stevens, all of Walnut Grove; Heather Downs, Bay Springs; Lucretia Gaddis, Christy Gibbs and Peggy Sims, all of Forest; Kelvin Ball and Kierra Griffin, both of McCool; Kyle Henson, Weir; Mitzi Kirk, Noxapater; Melissa Manues and Aaron Rose, both of Hickory; Elisabeth Mayes, Jacksonville, Ala.; James Parker, Brandon; Colby Rigdon, Little Rock; Kimberly Round, Conehatta; Andrea McSwain, Holly Schneller, Chandler Smith, Russ Thomson and Will Thompson, all of Decatur; Silva Viana Carvalho, Union; and Dustin Watkins, Lena.

Established by the Missouri two-year college presidents in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society serves to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and provide opportunities for individual growth and development through honors, leadership and service programming. Today, Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than two million members and 1,200 chapters located in 50 states, U.S. territories, Canada and Germany. In 1929, the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges recognized Phi Theta Kappa as the official honor society for two-year colleges.

Phi Theta Kappa headquarters are located in Jackson.



Ac'cents Show Choir

Members of the East Central Community College show choir, The Ac'cents, and their respective hometowns include (from left) Chandler Smith, Decatur; Krissy Winstead, Union; Tyler Gilmore, Sebastopol; Jayohannie Slaughter, Union; Sam Lovorn, Philadelphia; Claire Griffin and Jeremy Carson, both of Decatur; Taylor Gressett, Chunky; Turner Stevens, Carthage; Kara Miller, Decatur; Ryan Godwin, Newton; and Alex Weir, Philadelphia. Not pictured are sound technicians Jacob King of Sebastopol and Matthew Graham of Lake. The Ac'cents perform throughout the ECCC district, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties, as well as various community events and campus concerts. They recently performed their annual fall campus concert and the spring concert is scheduled for 7 p.m., May 2 in Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium. This year's music includes hits by Adele, Lady Gaga, Martina McBride, Michael Buble, Earth, Wind and Fire and CeLo. For more information contact director Vicki Blaylock at 601-635-6225 or e-mail vblaylock@eccc.edu.

Diamond Warriors Anderson, Franklin Garner Attention During Summer League Play

East Central Community College baseball players Tim Anderson and Xavier Franklin received some much-deserved attention this past summer as they pursued their baseball careers.

Anderson, a 6-1, 180-pound short stop/outfielder and product of Hillcrest High School in Tuscaloosa, Ala., is included in the 2012 Jayhawk League Top 20 Prospect List, a national publication.

The competition is a collegiate wooden bat league held in the summer. Anderson was a member of Dodge City A's in Dodge City, Kansas, and posted impressive statistics: a .352 batting average with eight home runs, two triples, 14 doubles and 39 RBIs. He was also successful on 32 of 39 stolen base attempts.

Anderson was one of only two players from Mississippi col-



Tim Anderson



Xavier Franklin

leges and universities and colleges included in the prestigious ranking.

Anderson batted .362 for the Diamond Warriors in 2012. He belted four home runs, a triple, nine doubles and was credited with 39 RBIs. He was successful on all 30 stolen base attempts.

Xavier Franklin was selected 2012 Player of the Year in the Cotton State League in Jackson this past summer where he held a .415 batting average and had 29 RBIs and 28 stolen bases.

The Cotton State Baseball League is a pro-style, 4-team summer collegiate league for players with remain-

ing college eligibility.

The 5-11, 185-pound outfielder is a product of Newton County High School and hit .292 as a freshman.

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ECCC Culinary Treat!

First-year East Central Community College culinary arts technology instructor Barry Karrh (center) and students Pheanice Hamm Brown (left) of Decatur and Janie McKenzie of Quitman display one of their first creations of the 2012 semester – a butter pound cake made with simple buttercream and English marmalade. The Culinary Department will soon offer a variety of desserts and other food items for sale just in time for the holidays! For more information, contact Barry Karrh at ECCC, 601-635-6252 or 601-917-0440. His e-mail address is bkarrh@eccc.edu.